

Remarks/Arguments:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her detailed comments.

Examiner has stated:

“Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

“1. Claims 1-19 are drawn to method...

“11. Claims 20-29 are drawn to apparatus...

“111. Claims 30-37 are drawn to product...

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the claims of Group 11, drawn to the apparatus of claims 20-29.

Amendments have been made to Claim 20, and new Claims 38-40 are submitted as seen in the listing of the claims above. Also, Claims 1-19, and 30-37 have been cancelled, as seen in the listing of claims above.

Specification

The specification has also been amended by the inclusion of the sentence identifying this application as a divisional of co-pending application number 09/594,979 which was filed on 6/15/2000.

Remarks

It is noted that this divisional application was originally filed on 08/29/2003. Due to subsequent error by the PTO, a wrong customer number was assigned to this matter. Consequently, correspondence from the PTO was sent to the wrong address, and never received by Applicant, causing the application to become abandoned on 07/21/2005. Even the Notice of Abandonment was never received by Applicant due to continuing association of this case with the wrong mailing address.

The present application has been subsequently revived at no charge to Applicant as a result of admitted PTO error. The correct customer number and mailing address have now apparently been associated with this matter.

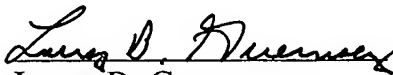
This error was apparently no fault of the Examiner, and Applicant wishes to express appreciation to the Examiner and the Petitions Office for their cooperation in correcting the PTO error and reviving this application.

If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the points involved in the Response, she is urged to contact Applicant's Attorney at the numbers included below.

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